കഠിക്കും ഹാഫ് ഫീ കൺസഷൻ കൊടുക്കുന്നതായാൽ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്നു് യാതൊരു നഷ്ടത്തിന്നും ഇടയില്ലെല്ലൊ ? I want an answer.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: The answer is very simple and straight. But I do not know whether it will be very satisfactory to the hon'ble member. The Government have fixed a limit to their munificence. The question is whether it cannot be increased or whether it cannot be decreased. The Government consider that the generosity which has impelled them to give this scholarship has gone sufficiently far, and that is the end of the matter.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്നു നഷ്ടം നേരിടുകയില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതു് കൊടുപ്പാൻ വിരോധമില്ലല്ലൊ ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I have nothing more to add.

KAMBALATHARA ERIE—CHITTUR TALUK

മിസ്റ്റർ എൻ. വി. സുബ്ബരായൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ: ചിറ്റൂർ കമ്പാലത്തറ ഏരി നന്നാക്കുന്നതിന്നു ഈ കൊല്ലത്തിൽ ബഡ്ഡറ്റിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സംഖ്യ ഈ കൊല്ലത്തിൽതന്നെ ചിലവാക്കി ഏരി നന്നാക്കിത്തുടങ്ങുന്നതിന്നു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്നു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ : ടി പണി തുടങ്ങുവാൻ മദിരാശി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ അനുവാദംകൂടി വേണം. അനുവാദം കിട്ടുവാൻ വേണ്ടതായ നടപടികൾ എല്ലാം എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അനുവാദം കിട്ടിയാൽ ഉടനെ പണി തുടങ്ങുന്നതാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എൻ. വി. സുബ്ബരായൻചെട്ടിയാർ: ഈ ഏരി നന്നാക്കുവാൻ മദ്രാസ് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ അനുവാദം വേണമോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: വേണം.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: To improve a tank why should we get the permission of the Madras Government.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It is not merely an improvement of the tank. It is the expansion and construction of a dam at Kampalathara. Since that irrigation system at Chittur does also serve the interests of the British ryots it was thought necessary that the Madras Government should also be consulted before we took up works of this nature.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Does the Madras Government pay any portion of the expenditure?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are not those ryots of the Madras Presidency also benefited by this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It is a protective work. In this case the Madras Government are not giving any contribution to this Government..

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Those ryots of the Madras Presidency adjoining this protective work also get some benefit from this, don't they?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: They are also benefited.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: May I take it that the matter is under correspondence with the Madras Government.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Will the Government consider the desirability of our Chief Engineer going to Madras and making representations in person rather than depending on the correspondence which in the nature of things will be protracted.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Every effort will be made by this Government to expedite the work.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Will you please explain at what stage the correspondence now stands.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: We have forwarded our estimates and proposals to the Madras Government and these are being scrutinised by the officers of that Government.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Shall I take it, Sir, that you hope to get approval shortly.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I expect to get the approval of the Government of Madras at an early date.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know Sir, how much amount has been provided for this work in this year's budget.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Rs. 50,000.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamanglam):* May I know, Sir, when this correspondence with the Madras Government was started?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* One or two years ago.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Two years ago! Will the Government very seriously consider the question of deputing the Chief Engineer to go to Madras and conduct negotiations in person. You say that the correspondence was started two years back.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The question has been actually pending with the Madras Government only for about two or three months, even though we have been investigating this question for the last two or three years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* If we heard the Hon'ble Member for Public Works aright it was stated that the correspondence was started two years back and not three months back.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I did not exactly mean that the correspondence whether this work should be taken up or not was taken up with the Madras Government two or three years ago. The question of constructing the Kambalathara Erie was taken up two or three years ago.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The earlier correspondence with the Madras Government was stated to be on the question whether this work should be taken up or not. I would ask the question whether any answer has been received by the Government and if so it is of an affirmative or of an opposite kind.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Actually the question as to whether the work should be taken up or not was not taken to the Madras Government two years ago. It was decided that before this work is taken up the Madras Government should be consulted and it is according to that decision that we have now forwarded the estimates and reports of this scheme to the Madras Government early this year, and now we are awaiting their reply.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What was the correspondence with the Madras Government two years back?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There was no correspondence with the Madras Government two years ago. What I meant was that the question of Kambalathara Erie was taken up by our Government two years ago, and the question was investigated and estimates prepared and sent up to the Madras Government recently.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In view of the grow more food scheme is there any difficulty to a representation to the Madras Government to kindly expedite the matter.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I think Sir, the Madras Government will not delay the question at all.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Nobody said that. Will you make a representation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I expect no unusual delay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May we know, Sir, whether our Government will be pleased to take such action as will conduce to an early disposal of this question by the Madras Government and that favourably?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Certainly Sir.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Is it not a fact that if at all we are in a position to take up the work this year it should be finished before the monsoon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We can work during the monsoon also.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Seeing that we are already at the end of Vrischigam and that we have only a few months before the monsoon, will the Government see that if they do not expect to have the correspondence closed shortly that they ask the Chief Engineer to go to Madras or get down the Madras Chief Engineer here, so that there may not be any muddling in the matter, and that we may set about the work straight away.

Mr. President: Order, Order. The hon'ble member is arguing his case.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamanglam):* I want an answer, Sir. I shall put a question.

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Mr. President : You have lost that opportunity *(Laughter)*.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Was not the scheme sanctioned in the Budget for 1117 and the amount allotted in the Budget for 1117.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Then probably it was done without consulting the Madras Government.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: In the hope that it will be sanctioned.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: The amount was sanctioned in the Budget of 1117 but the work was not taken up.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I do not exactly remember the reason why the amount had to be lapsed. I think the investigation was not complete by that time.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: I think Rs. 25,000 or even Rs. 75,000 was sanctioned.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The amount was sanctioned but in that year the investigations had not been completed.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamanglam)*: May I know, Sir, what are the difficulties that stand in the way of the Government to send the Chief Engineer to Madras to personally negotiate things and to carry on the matter in a business like manner?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: There is no difficulty for any officer of this Government to go to Madras to talk matters.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: He will be only too glad to go.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES

28. **Mr. M. Krishna Menon** *(Trichur-North)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—whether they are contemplating any steps to facilitate transport by road, rail and water ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes, except with regard to extension of rail roads.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will the Government enlighten this House as to the steps already contemplated with regard to the facilities ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It is a very large question to answer, but I might possibly make it short by referring the hon'ble member to the report of Road Board which will be published shortly. It has already been prepared and submitted to the Government. In that Road Board Report they have contemplated the construction of 50 miles of new roads in the State and the improvement of the existing roads. The House is also aware that we are constructing the Anamalai Chalakkudi road also. As regards water transport there is an item in the budget for 1119 for improving the Kokkala Karanchira Canal.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether there is any proposal for navigation connection between Kunnamkulam and Edakazhiyur ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: That is an old question which has been investigated by this Department and also by the Revenue Department in consultation with the Madras Government. The present position of that scheme is that it need not be taken up now.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know the reason for that.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: After collecting trade statistics in that year it was thought that the expenditure on the canal will not be commensurate with the advantages to be derived from it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Now that the nail industry is thriving very well during the last year water connection will be very useful.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether the Government will take steps to run at least one more train between Ernakulam and Shoranur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Government would be glad if more trains are run, but it is not just now possible.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We are feeling the difficulty. That question was taken up with the South Indian Railway, but it is not possible to have another train on the line now.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Since our Diwan is on the Railway Board will he be requested to go to Madras to see that a morning train comes to Ernakulam.

Mr. P. P. Devssy *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether the Kokkala-Karanchira facilitates communication between Trichur, Ernakulam and Cochin.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

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